

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-8 are pending.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-7 and cancelled claims 3 and 5 and non-method claims 9-24 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-24 prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-7 were amended and claims 3, 5, and 9-24 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the pending claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-24 as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims, in one or more continuing applications.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. This rejection cites ambiguities in the claims. For example, the rejection mentions that each independent claim 1, 9, and 17 allows a user to select a transaction but does not specifically state that the user does select a transaction. As another example, the recitations of "to package", "to build", and "to be passed", and "may be parsed" are rejected as reciting potential enablement of certain features but not a positive statement of them being enabled. Applicants respectfully traverse, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended certain claims to overcome the rejection. Claims 2, 4, and 6-8 depend from claim 1. Claims 9-24 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 9-16 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under the enablement provision of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. For example, the rejection submits that there is no disclosure as to the details in terms of flow charts or functionality or actual computer code in which to embody the tool 210. Applicants respectfully traverse, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended certain claims to overcome the rejection. Claims 2, 4, and 6-8 depend from claim 1. Claims 9-24 have been cancelled.

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Claims 1-24 are rejected as failing to fulfill the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. For example, the rejection submits that "wherein the connector enables the transaction-based mainframe application to process transactions over the web by enabling the transactions to be passed from a web application server to the transaction-based mainframe application". Applicants respectfully traverse, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended certain claims to overcome the rejection. Claims 2, 4, and 6-8 depend from claim 1. Claims 9-24 have been cancelled.

Amended claim 1 describes in response to receiving the user input, generating a communication area file that includes a definition and a declaration of the data to be passed to and from the transaction-based mainframe application and a documentation file that provides documentation that describes the communication area file using the identified information and the extracted information (e.g., Specification page 12, line 27 – page 13, line 11). Amended claim 1 describes, with the connector building tool, parsing the communication area file and building a connector using the identified information and the extracted information, wherein the transaction-based mainframe application is enabled to process transactions over the Web (e.g., Specification, page 5, lines 16-18; page 5, lines 26-27; page 11, lines 8-9; page 10, line 28 – page 11, line 1; page 14, lines 13-14; page 14, lines 1-2).

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